



The Kakadu Triathlon offers a fun and supportive event set against the unique backdrop of Jabiru and Kakadu National Park. Photo credit: Peter Keepence Photography.

FUN, FITNESS AND FUNDRAISING

The popular Kakadu Triathlon will return to Jabiru on Saturday, 2 May 2026, with competitors set to take to the Jabiru Swimming Pool and surrounding residential roads for a morning of fun, fitness and fundraising.

Online registrations are now open for the much-loved event, proudly hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council.

Now in its 13th year, the Kakadu Triathlon has become a highlight on the Top End sporting calendar. Known for its shorter distances and welcoming atmosphere, the event encourages people of all ages and abilities to get involved and give triathlon a go.

Last year's event saw around 150 adult and 40 junior competitors take part, with the community helping raise more than \$16,400 for

CareFlight NT.

The event is built on strong partnerships between West Arnhem Regional Council, CareFlight, Darwin Triathlon Club, Triathlon NT and local sponsoring businesses, all working together to bring the event to life each year.

"The Kakadu Triathlon is a fantastic example of how sport can bring people together while supporting an important cause.."

West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods said the event continues to showcase the strength of community spirit in Jabiru

and across the region.

"The Kakadu Triathlon is a fantastic example of how sport can bring people together while supporting an important cause," Mayor Woods said.

"It's not just about racing – it's about community, participation and getting behind CareFlight, whose work is so vital for people living across the Top End."

The 2026 program includes events for both new and experienced participants:

- Open Triathlon (Ages 12 and above – individual or teams of 2-3)
Swim: 250m | Bike: 7.5km | Run: 2.5km
- 5km Kakadu Run Challenge (Ages 12 and above)
- Junior Triathlon (Ages 13 and under – distances vary depending on age and ability)

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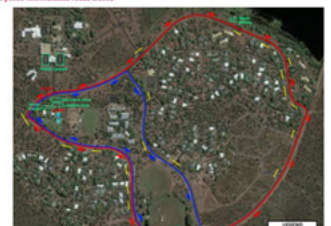
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STAY AHEAD OF FLU SEASON WITH VACCINE

The time has come for Territorians to book their influenza vaccination as flu season arrives with more than 1,400 cases confirmed.

Flu vaccination is recommended annually as the Territory enters the Dry season in the Top End, and winter in our southern parts.

During this period, flu case numbers peak across Australia.

Minister for Health Steve Edgington is urging all Territorians over the age of six months to get the flu vaccine.

"Different viral strains of the flu occur each year and it is important to receive an annual flu vaccine to ensure the best protection against current strains," he said.

Flu is already circulating in the Territory. Since the beginning of 2025, there have been more than 1,400 cases confirmed, mostly in the Top End and East Arnhem regions.

The influenza vaccine is free for the following people:

- All children aged 6 months to 5 years
- All Aboriginal people aged 6 months and over.
- People aged 65 years and older.
- Pregnant women during any stage of pregnancy.
- People aged 6 months and over with conditions predisposing them to complications from influenza.



INFLUENZA Vaccination

FLU VACCINE IS FREE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

Ask your local health clinic about getting the flu vaccine

The flu vaccine is free for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over.

You should get the flu vaccine every year to protect yourself, your family and your community.

Speak to your local health clinic to get your free flu vaccine today!

For more information visit nt.gov.au/flu

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This year, Territorians aged 5 years and over who are eligible for a free vaccination under the [National Immunisation Program](#) (NIP) can also get vaccinated from a participating pharmacy.

To book a flu vaccination, contact a GP, health clinic or pharmacy.

For more information, including eligibility to receive the flu vaccine for free through the NIP, visit NT Health's [Flu vaccination webpage](#)

WIRE

West Arnhem Regional Council acknowledges the First Nations Custodians; and the many Language and Family groups who are Managers and Care-takers to each of their Traditional homelands and Waters across the West Arnhem Regions Wards. West Arnhem Regional Council pay their respects and acknowledge Elders, past present and rising.

The Wire is the only regular source of news and information in the Kakadu and West Arnhem Land region. More than 500 copies are distributed fortnightly to Jabiru, Warruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

Our electronic edition goes out to more than 500 individual email addresses across West Arnhem Land and the Top End.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Did you know Council can help Community members move abandoned cars to the Landfill?

If you have an abandoned car on your property that you would like removed, pop into the Council Office and fill out a form!



TUNE INTO TEABBA RADIO

Maningrida Radio	106.1 FM
Minjilang Radio	106.1 FM
Gunbalanya Radio	106.1 FM
Warruwi Radio	106.1 FM
Jabiru Radio	98.9 FM



TEABBA

TOP END ABORIGINAL BUSH
BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



West Arnhem Regional Council hosted the International Women's Day 2026 celebration in Jabiru, centred on the theme "Give to Gain" on Wednesday, 18 March.

The event aimed to recognise and celebrate the contributions of women and girls while promoting wellbeing, leadership, and community connection through inclusive and culturally appropriate activities.

Around 65 local community members, leaders, and stakeholders attended the event, strengthening relationships and supporting positive social outcomes within the Jabiru community.

Held at the Jabiru Library, the celebration featured an address from the Chief Executive Officer of West Arnhem Regional Council, along with targeted wellbeing activities delivered through the STARS Program. Light refreshments were also provided to help create a welcoming and inclusive environment.

The event provided a meaningful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the important contributions of women within the Jabiru community.

This event was supported by West Arnhem Regional Council and the Northern Territory Government.



NOMINATE TO BE AN ELECTED MEMBER

A By-election is required to fill a casual vacancy for West Arnhem Regional Council:

- West Arnhem Regional Council - Kakadu Ward (1 Councillor vacancy)

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Nominations close at 12 noon on Wednesday 8 April. Late nominations can not be accepted.

The declaration of candidates and draw for position on ballot paper will be held from 1pm on Wednesday 8 April.

This is a public event and candidates, the media and members of the public are invited to attend in person at the NTEC office located in Darwin, or online.

Information for prospective candidates, including eligibility requirements, the nomination form and candidate resources are available on the NTEC website.

WEST ARNHEM Regional Council | **2026** By Election
Kakadu Ward

Nominations
open.

ntec.nt.gov.au

WHAT'S ON



The 2026 ANZAC Day commemorations will be held on Saturday, 25 April 2026. Please keep an eye on your local noticeboards for event details.

WEEKLY

Monday

Underwater Hockey: Jabiru Pool, 5pm
Kakadu Deadly Runners & Walkers, 5.30pm
Fire Station Training: Jabiru Fire Station, 6pm

Tuesdays

Bombers football training: Brockman Oval, 5:30pm
Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training: Magela Oval, 5:30pm
Aqua Fitness: Jabiru Swimming Pool, 6.15pm

Wednesdays

Skins Golf: Jabiru Golf Club, 4.45pm
Kakadu Deadly Runners & Walkers, 5.30pm
Jabiru Creative Group: Town Plaza, 6.00pm

Thursdays

Jabiru Bombers Football training: Brockman Oval, 5pm
Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training: Magela Oval, 5.30pm

Fridays

Jabiru Golf Club raffles & Members Draw, 7pm
Pool competition: Jabiru Golf Club, 7pm

Sundays

Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

APRIL

2-15 NT Youth Week

Fri 24 WARC Kakadu Ward Election Day

Sat 25 ANZAC Day

29 & 30 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting, Jabiru

MAY

Sat 2 Kakadu Triathlon, Jabiru Pool

Tue 26 National Sorry Day

27-3 June National Reconciliation Week

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is All In, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.

All In makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change.

The theme also reminds us that reconciliation and advancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights isn't a passive activity, and it is not solely the responsibility of First Nations people, who have carried the weight of championing, explaining and acting for far too long.

Reconciliation will not happen by itself, and it will not happen without all of us.

The #NRW2026 campaign was created in collaboration with Carbon Creative, a First Nations-owned and operated marketing and creative agency.

The artwork for this campaign is by renowned Gumbaynggirr/Bundjalung artist Otis Hope Carey, who applied his

distinctive style to create a colourful and optimistic visual representation of people from all walks of life being 'all in' to make change.

"Call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.."

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

SUPPORTING EARLY MORNING CLONTARF ACTIVITIES

West Arnhem Regional Council's (WARC) Youth, Sport and Recreation team in Jabiru has been joining Clontarf at their early morning AFL sessions at Magela Oval, followed by breakfast at the office.

The purpose of the activities is to build a relationship between WARC and stakeholders like Clontarf, and to get to know how they interact with students and the types of activities they run for inspiration.

BE AWARE OF MELIOIDOSIS THIS WET SEASON

Stormy nights and soaked days across the Top End have led to a higher risk of melioidosis. There has been a sustained increase in melioidosis cases in the Northern Territory (NT) especially over the past few weeks.

Last wet season (1 October 2024 to 30 April 2025), there were 65 cases of melioidosis, and 5 deaths reported in the NT.

For the current wet season, there have already been 25 cases reported, with 1 new case reported every 1-2 days since New Year's Eve.

The cases are represented in all age groups but the majority have been found in people over the age of 45. Males and females are almost equally represented.

Melioidosis bacteria live deep in the soil at the start of the wet season and heavy rain brings the bacteria in the soil and water to the surface. Wind can cause the bacteria to be blown into the air, which can then be inhaled through dust and droplets.

The Centre for Disease Control at NT Health is advising the public to be alerted to the possibility of acquiring melioidosis as we live in an environment with the bacteria it is important to take measures to prevent exposure to the bacteria.

Symptoms can include persistent fever, cough and shortness of breath but can also affect many variable parts of the body causing abscesses. Skin sores that

don't heal can be caused by melioidosis bacteria. It is important that treatment for melioidosis is started as soon as possible.

The risk of melioidosis is greater in those who may be immunocompromised by diabetes, heavy alcohol consumption, chronic lung or renal disease and immunosuppressive therapy.

If left untreated, melioidosis can lead to severe pneumonia and sepsis, with around 10 % of cases leading to death. Already 3 cases this wet season have required ICU care.

To take precautions against melioidosis, Territorians are advised to:

- Wear covered waterproof footwear when outdoors
- Wear gloves while working in the garden or a soil-based environment
- Wash, then cover sores and abrasions with waterproof dressings
- Wear a face mask while using high pressure hoses around soil and paths
- Stay indoors during heavy wind and rain
- Seek medical attention early.

Anyone concerned about having melioidosis symptoms should visit their local GP, clinic or hospital.

More information on melioidosis is available at <https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/health-conditions-treatments/bacterial/melioidosis>

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REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Saturday,
2 May 2026
Race Day**

OPEN
(12 and above)
\$80

RACE BRIEFING
Official briefing on morning of event

JUNIOR
(13 and under)
\$30



KAKADU

TRIATHLON

JABIRU, NT

OPEN TRIATHLON

Individual or team (of 2 or 3)
12 yrs & above
250m swim / 7.5km ride / 2.5km run

DETAILS:

FIRST RACE COMMENCES: 7:00am
EVENT LOCATION: Jabiru Swimming Pool
Free event singlet for Open Participants
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and highest fundraisers

KAKADU CHALLENGE

5km RUN only - Open Individual
12yrs & above

REGISTER ONLINE

give.careflight.org/event/kakadu-triathlon
Registrations Close: Midnight, Sunday, 26 April

JUNIOR TRIATHLON

13 years & under
Distance based on ability on the day

GET IN TOUCH

To sponsor or volunteer, contact info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

SPONSORED BY:



KakaduTriathlon

All funds raised goes to **CareFlight**

COMMUNITY VOICES SHAPING THE YEAR AHEAD

It's been a busy few weeks as we get down to business supporting our communities across the region.

In early March, the first round of Local Authority Meetings for 2026 kicked off, providing a valuable opportunity for Mayor James Woods, Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips and CEO Katharine Murray to connect with members and identify key focus areas for each community for the year ahead. It was also great to spend time with staff and community members during these visits.

While in Maningrida, Minister Steve Edgington MLA had a sit-down meeting

with Mayor Woods, Maningrida Councillors and the Maningrida Local Authority.

"Every conversation helps shape a stronger future, and we will continue to proactively advocate for our communities.."

Mayor Woods and Katharine also met with the Minister in Darwin to talk through key regional priorities, including the

future of the Jabiru Airport, the Minjilang Airport access road and water security in Warruwi.

Mayor Woods, Deputy Mayor Phillips and Katharine also visited Warruwi to meet with Traditional Owners to discuss community needs, with a focus on supporting young people and the Warruwi crèche.

Conversations like these help ensure the Warruwi community continues to be heard and supported.

Every conversation helps shape a stronger future, and we will continue to proactively advocate for our communities.



COUNCIL NOTICE

Council is seeking nominations for community members to join the:

LOCAL AUTHORITY

In Maningrida and Minjilang (1 position in each)

Local Authorities bring community ideas to Council to help guide local projects.

HOW DO I NOMINATE?

Nominations Forms: Available at your local Council Office or online at: westarnhem.nt.gov.au/corporate-documents

Please return your nomination form to the Council Services Manager at your local Council Office or email it to governance@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

Be a voice for your community and help shape its future!

For further information:

Governance Advisor: 0478 436 222 | westarnhem.nt.gov.au/our-council

KakaduTriathlon

Not competing?
Be a part of the event by volunteering!

Tri Race Day
Saturday,
2 May
Jabiru Pool



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Can you help with:

- Registration (5.00am start - body marking, timing chips, hand out singlets)
 - Road marshalling (6.45am start)
 - Helping at the barbecue (6.45am start)
- Handing out medals & collect race chips at finish line (7am start)
 - Setting up and packing down

Why not grab a group of friends or workmates and volunteer together!

If you can help contact:

Hans at WARC: 0461 459 074 or Email: hans.wesche@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

Volunteers receive an event singlet, free breakfast & coffee!

All funds raised goes to CareFlight

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR 2026 KAKADU TRIATHLON

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Whether you're competing for the first time or returning for another year, the Kakadu Triathlon offers a fun and supportive event set against the unique backdrop of Jabiru and Kakadu National Park.

Registrations are open now:

<https://give.careflight.org/event/kakadu-triathlon/home>

Online Registrations close: Midnight, Sunday, 26 April

The 2026 Kakadu Triathlon is proudly supported by:

West Arnhem Regional Council, Stedman's Construction and Engineering, PTM Group, Ranger Rehabilitation Project, JN Mousellis Civil Contractors, Get Set Safety and Emergency Training, Jabiru Service Station, Kakadu Tourism, Kaddum Industries, NT Triathlon, Darwin Triathlon Club, Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Coinda Lodge, Intensity NT, Caulfield Grammar, Aurora Lodge and Marrawuddi Arts & Culture.



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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CRISIS SUPPORTERS AVAILABLE



Going through a tough time? If you, or someone you know, are feeling worried or no good, we encourage you to connect with 13YARN on 13 92 76 (24 hours/7 days) and talk with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter.

This is your story; your journey and we will take the time to listen.

No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn.

We're here for you: <https://www.13yarn.org.au/>

- 13YARN is run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Free and confidential service available 24/7 from any mobile or pay phone
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters to yarn to.

Kakadu Triathlon

Saturday, 2 May 2026

INFORMATION FOR STAKEHOLDERS & RESIDENTS



Dear Stakeholder,

ROAD AND CARPARK CLOSURES – SATURDAY, 2 MAY 2026 FOR KAKADU TRIATHLON

We are writing to advise that your business or organisation may be affected by road and carpark closures on Saturday, 2 May 2026 as part of the Kakadu Triathlon. These closures are necessary to ensure participants can complete the event safely.

A map showing all streets that will be closed has been attached to provide further information about the event (please turn the page over).

PLEASE NOTE:

All residential roads in Jabiru will be closed from **6.30am to 9.00am on Saturday, 2 May 2026.**

If you need to travel during this time, please ensure you leave **before 6.30am** or plan to depart **after 9.00am** to reach your destination. These closures will be enforced by road marshals and road barriers.

Reopening of roads and carparks is anticipated to occur at the times listed above; however, this may be earlier or later depending on when the final participant finishes the race. The **Jabiru Swimming Pool carpark** will remain closed until **11.00am**.

Carparks

The following carparks will be closed to all vehicles from 6.30am to 9.00am on Saturday, 2 May 2026:

- Jabiru Swimming Pool carpark
- Jabiru Area School carpark, Waterhouse Road
- Magela Oval carpark, Kinchela Road
- Lake Jabiru carpark, Civic Drive
- Brockman Oval carpark, Kinchela Road
- Ranger Mine Mess
- Arnhem Oval carpark, Waterhouse Road

Carparking for the event

Participants and spectators are encouraged to walk to the Jabiru Swimming Pool for the event. Alternatively, the carparks at the Jabiru Town Plaza will remain open and you can park here however you will need to arrive BEFORE 6.30am.

Emergency number

The emergency contact number on the day of the event is **0475 564 621**. This number can be used if you require urgent access to roads or carparks between 6.30am and 9.00am on the day of the event. For all other emergencies ring 000.

Community feedback

If you require further information or would like to provide feedback regarding the road closures, please contact (08) 8979 9444 or email info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au. These temporary road closures are a small but essential measure to help ensure the event is safe for participants and enjoyable for the community.

Kind regards,

Kakadu Triathlon Coordinating Committee

VOLUNTEERS
ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

The Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service (NTFRS) volunteers provide a fire and disaster response within the major towns and communities, and road crash rescue response along much of the Territories major road network.

Volunteer members respond in the first instance to emergency calls within their district. They may also attend emergencies in other volunteer fire brigade areas when requested to assist at major incidents.

NTFRS currently have approx 250 volunteers within 8 Volunteer Fire Brigades and 7 Fire and Emergency Response Groups.

JOIN US!
NT Fire and Rescue
VOLUNTEERS
Are you over 16 years old,
reasonably fit and healthy?

For more info email: volunteercordination@pfes.nt.gov.au or visit www.fire.nt.gov.au

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026
27 MAY – 3 JUNE
FOR RECONCILIATION

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MAKE CHANGE

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Scan here for more information about the poster.

ANZAC DAY
25 APRIL

ANZAC DAY 2026

Online registrations open!

KAKADU TRIATHLON
JABIRU.NT

Saturday, 2 May 2026

WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU

Gunbalanya

Precinct Assistant (Sports Grounds Keeper) – \$26.53 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week. No accommodation, Open until filled
Waste Collection Assistant – \$26.53 per hour, Fixed Term, Full Time. No accommodation, Open until filled
Community Safety Senior Officer – \$37.39 per hour, Permanent, 25 hours per week. No accommodation, Open until filled
Centrelink Assistant – \$26.53 per hour, Permanent, 30 hours per week., No accommodation. Open until filled

Jabiru

Administration Coordinator – \$85,458 per annum, Permanent, full time, Subsidised accommodation
Pool and Safety Assistant (2 positions) – \$26.53 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week, No accommodation, Open until filled
Pool Officer – \$34.59 per hour, Permanent, 25 hours per week, Subsidised accommodation, Open until filled

Maningrida

Customer Services Officer – \$34.59 per hour, Permanent, Full Time. No accommodation. Open until filled
Bereavement Support Assistant (2 positions) – \$26.53 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week, No accommodation, Open until filled
Pool and Safety Assistant (2 positions) – \$26.53 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week, No accommodation, Open until filled

Minjilang

Utilities Support Contract Officer – \$79,000 per annum, Permanent, Full Time, Accommodation provided, Open until filled
Child Care Senior Officer – \$73,000 per annum, Permanent, Full Time, Subsidised accommodation, Open until filled

Warruwi

Wellbeing Services Senior Officer – \$85,000 per annum, Permanent, Full Time, Subsidised accommodation, Open until filled
Child Care Senior Officer – \$73,000 per annum, Permanent, Full Time, Subsidised accommodation, Open until filled
Team Leader Works – \$40.13 per hour, Permanent, Full Time, No accommodation, Open until filled
Broadcasting Officer – \$37.39 per hour, Permanent, 12.5 hours per week, No accommodation, Open until filled
Centrelink Officer – \$34.59 per hour, Permanent, 7.6 hours per week, No accommodation, Open until filled
Youth, Sport & Recreation Assistant — \$26.53/hr | Permanent | 25 hrs | No Accommodation | Open until filled

For more information:

Please phone 08 8979 9404 or

email vacancy@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply



PROTECT AGAINST MOSQUITOES

Territorians are urged to take precaution with increased mosquito activity, following recent heavy rain.

Current weather conditions are providing suitable breeding conditions for mosquitoes across the Northern Territory, which is expected to increase in the coming weeks.

NT Health has undertaken control measures across Katherine, including ground and aerial mosquito management, treatment of 145 hectares of active mosquito breeding areas, and adult trapping.

NT Health will continue larval control in Katherine on 26 and 27 March to reduce mosquito numbers and the risk of mosquito-borne diseases.

The Barkly region and Alice Springs are currently experiencing high numbers of mosquitoes due to extensive recent and ongoing rainfall.

Mosquito numbers are expected to remain high until breeding areas have dried up.

The NT remains in a high-risk period for mosquito borne disease transmission until the end of June, including for the potentially fatal Murray Valley encephalitis and Japanese encephalitis.

The mosquitoes that transmit these diseases are mostly active at dusk, during the night and at dawn.

In partnership with the Darwin Berrimah Veterinary Laboratories, NT Health is continuing testing mosquitoes for potential viruses. To date, no virus has been detected in mosquitoes in the Top End or Central Australia tested since January 2026.

NT residents and visitors are urged to protect themselves from mosquito bites during outdoor activities by:

- Wearing loose-fitting and light-coloured long-sleeved shirts and long pants, with feet also protected
- Using insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD)
- Staying away from mosquito prone areas, especially at night
- Ensuring flyscreens on doors and windows are in good condition
- Tipping out and containers in backyards to prevent mosquito breeding
- Using mosquito coils or mosquito lanterns with insecticide treated pads for small and sheltered outdoor areas.

JABIRU ROAD CLOSURES ON SATURDAY, 2 MAY 2026

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We ask that you please share this notice with your employees, stakeholders/contractors and networks.

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Help at home for older people.

If you're finding it harder to do the things you used to, you might need a bit of help at home. You and your family can get help to:

<p>Access services to support you with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rides around your community (to see family, food shopping, doctor's appointments and other places) • Help inside and outside your home (like vacuuming, preparing meals, cleaning gutters and mowing the lawn) • Help with changes to your home (like adding hand rails or ramps) 	<p>Find information in one spot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help and support for elders in your community • Who can get help • The cost • People and groups specially trained to help in your community
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Connect with myagedcare on www.myagedcare.gov.au or call 1800 200 422

*1800 calls are free from land lines; calls from mobile phones might be charged.

Contact: Kathy on 0402 338 430

WEST ARNHEM Regional Council
2026 By Election

Kakadu Ward

Ready to represent your community?

NOMINATE!

Nominations open

Wednesday 1 April

and close 12:00pm

Wednesday 8 April

Need help nominating?

Contact the NTEC. We are here to help.

 **1800 698 683**

 ntec@nt.gov.au

ntec.nt.gov.au



Northern Territory Electoral Commission
EVERY VOTE COUNTS

HIGH ENERGY WORKSHOPS ROLLED OUT

JLP Basketball facilitators Jamie-Lee and Alex visited Jabiru for a week of high-energy, skills-based activities with local children.

Across Monday to Thursday, they delivered engaging workshops during school hours, with a strong focus on building fundamental basketball skills such as ball handling, footwork, teamwork and game awareness, while also incorporating fun, fast-paced dodgeball sessions that encouraged participation from students of all abilities.

In addition to the in-school workshops, they ran three after-school sessions that provided extra time for young people to practise what they had learned, build confidence, and enjoy a positive, structured activity in a safe environment.

A key strength of the program was the strong partnership with Jabiru Area School, the Stars Foundation and Clontarf, whose collaboration and support were essential in enabling student attendance, coordinating groups and creating a supportive environment for young people to participate fully.

The program was very well received, with students responding enthusiastically to the coaches' supportive approach and the mix of skill development and playful competition.



**Watch your kids in croc country.
Their safety is up to you.**

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